

“(C) the responsibility to make recommendations to the Administrator.

“(3) CONTACT INFORMATION.—The Ombudsman shall maintain, in each region of the Agency, a telephone number, facsimile number, electronic mail address, and post office address for the Ombudsman that are different from the numbers and addresses of the regional office of the Agency located in that region.

“(4) REPORTS.—The Ombudsman—
“(A) shall, at least annually, publish in the Federal Register and submit to the Administrator, the President, the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the status of health and environmental concerns addressed in complaints and cases brought before the Ombudsman in the period of time covered by the report;

“(B) may issue reports, conclusions, or recommendations concerning any other matter under investigation by the Office;

“(C) shall solicit comments from the Agency concerning any matter under investigation by the Office; and

“(D) shall include any comments received by the Office in written reports, conclusions, and recommendations issued by the Office under this section.

“(f) PENALTIES.—An investigation conducted by the Ombudsman under this section constitutes—

“(1) a matter under section 1001 of title 18, United States Code; and

“(2) a proceeding under section 1505 of title 18, United States Code.

“(g) EMPLOYEE PROTECTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No employer may discharge any employee, or otherwise discriminate against any employee with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment of the employee, because the employee (or any person acting at the request of the employee) complied with any provision of this section.

“(2) COMPLAINT.—Any employee that, in the opinion of the employee, is discharged or otherwise discriminated against by any person in violation of paragraph (1) may, not later than 180 days after the date on which the violation occurs, file a complaint in accordance with section 211 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5851).

“(h) APPLICABILITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—This section—

“(A) does not limit any remedy or right of appeal; and

“(B) may be carried out notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary that provides that an agency action is final, not reviewable, or not subject to appeal.

“(2) EFFECT ON PROCEDURES FOR GRIEVANCES, APPEALS, OR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—The establishment of the Office does not affect any procedure concerning grievances, appeals, or administrative matters under this Act or any other law (including regulations).

“(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

“(A) \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 and 2005;

“(B) \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2009; and

“(C) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2013.

“(2) SEPARATE LINE ITEM.—In submitting the annual budget for the Federal Government to Congress, the President shall in-

clude a separate line item for the funding for the Office.”.

WELCOMING THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Mr. BROWNBAC. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 152 which was submitted earlier today and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 152) welcoming the President of the Philippines to the United States, expressing gratitude to the Government of the Philippines for its strong cooperation with the United States in the campaign against terrorism and its membership in the coalition to disarm Iraq, and reaffirming the commitment of Congress to the continued expansion of friendship and cooperation between the United States and the Philippines.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BROWNBAC. I ask unanimous consent the resolution and the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 152) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 152

Whereas the United States and the Philippines have shared a special relationship as close friends for more than a century;

Whereas the United States and the Philippines have been allies for more than 50 years under the Mutual Defense Treaty which was signed at Washington on August 30, 1951 (3 UST 3947);

Whereas the United States and the Philippines share a common commitment to democracy, human rights, and freedom;

Whereas the United States and the Philippines share a common goal of bringing peace, stability and prosperity to the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas the President of the Philippines, Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, was the first leader in Asia to commit full support for the United States and its war against global terror after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

Whereas the Governments of the United States and the Philippines have effectively joined forces to combat the terrorist threat in Southeast Asia and are collaborating on a comprehensive political, economic, and security program designed to defeat terrorist threats in the Philippines, including those from Muslim extremists, Communist insurgents and international terrorists;

Whereas the Governments of the United States and the Philippines believe that, in light of growing evidence that links exist between entities in the Philippines and the international terrorist groups, the two countries should enhance their cooperative efforts to combat international terrorism;

Whereas Government of the United States welcomes and will assist the efforts of the Government of the Philippines to forge a lasting peace, protect human rights, and promote economic development on the island of Mindanao;

Whereas President Arroyo has fully supported the United States' position on Iraq, including joining the coalition to enact change in Iraq and arranging to send a humanitarian contingent to help the newly-liberated people of that country;

Whereas the United States welcomes the strong statements by President Arroyo on the need for North Korea to accept international norms on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;

Whereas the United States fully supports the campaign of President Arroyo to implement economic and political reforms and to build a strong Republic in the Philippines to defend Philippine democracy from terror and to strengthen the Philippines as an ally of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Congress

(1) welcomes the President, Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, to the United States;

(2) expresses profound gratitude to the Government and the people of the Philippines for the expressions of support and sympathy provided after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for the Philippines' strong cooperation in the on-going war against global terrorism, membership in the coalition to disarm Iraq, and assistance in helping to rebuild that country; and

(3) reaffirms its commitment to the continued expansion of friendship and cooperation between the Governments and the people of the United States and the Philippines.

UNITED NATIONS REMOVAL OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ

Mr. BROWNBAC. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further action on H. Con. Res. 160 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 160) expressing the sense of Congress that the United Nations should remove the economic sanctions against Iraq completely and without condition.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. BROWNBAC. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution and preamble be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 160) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.